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Division of Mortgage Lending reminds brokers, loan modification consultants and foreclosure consultants that bonds are due October 1

Las Vegas – The Nevada Division of Mortgage Lending has issued a reminder to its mortgage broker licensees, and loan modification consultant and foreclosure consultant applicants, to make appropriate arrangements to fulfill the bond or substitute security requirements that become effective on October 1, 2009. Failure to do so could result in fines and the inability to conduct further business in Nevada until such time as the requirements are met.

Assembly Bill 486 and new regulations adopted pursuant to AB 152 require mortgage brokers, loan modification consultants and foreclosure consultants to obtain surety bonds or pledge deposits or other security in order to be properly licensed with the Division of Mortgage Lending. “Bonding”, as it is typically called, is designed to add another level of consumer recourse should a licensee violate the law and a consumer become damaged as a result of the violation. Mortgage brokers, loan modification consultants and foreclosure consultants are encouraged to call the Division of Mortgage Lending with any questions at (775) 684-7060.

“We are taking steps to make sure that everyone in the industry is aware of this requirement,” said Commissioner Joseph Waltuch. “This is at least our third reminder to industry of the bonding requirement. Our goal is to do all we can to help businesses meet their legal obligations and at the same time ensure that Nevadans receive the services to which they are properly entitled.”

The Division of Mortgage Lending enforces the statutes and regulations pertaining to Mortgage Bankers, Mortgage Brokers, Mortgage Agents, Escrow Agencies, Escrow Agents and Loan Modification Consultants, Foreclosure Consultants and other persons who provide similar services. Additionally, the Division registers Credit Service Organizations and holds their surety bonds, although the regulation and enforcement of these organizations is under the jurisdiction of the Office of Attorney General.

For more information about the Division of Mortgage Lending, visit <http://mld.nv.gov/index.htm>.

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